



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

*“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”*

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 17, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Meeting via Zoom only

### **Call to Order**

Commissioner Trupti Patel (03) called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Commissioners Yannick Omictin (01), Trupti Patel (03), Ed Comer (04), Luke Chadwick (05), Joel Causey (06) and Dasia Bandy (07) were present.

### **Introduction of Commissioners**

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

The Agenda was adopted without objection.

### **Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the June 15, 2024 meeting were adopted without objection.

### **Administrative Matters**

The ANC2A Third Quarter 2024 Financial Report was adopted without objection. Commissioners Omictin, Patel, Comer, Chadwick and Bandy voted to approve. Treasurer Bandy also discussed expenses that would be paid in the Fourth quarter. Later in the meeting she reported that the ending balance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is \$43,580.92.

### **Matters Before the Mayor’s Special Event Task Group**

Mr. Travis Sousa, operations manager for the Army Ten-Miler, presented information about the Army Ten Miler race which takes place on October 13, 2024. The request to support the application to conduct this Race was approved without objection.

### **Matters Before the Alcoholic Beverage Cannabis Administration**

Ms. Michelle Lee, the General Manager of the Marriott Resident Inn at 801 New Hampshire Avenue, appeared. Commissioner Comer reported the Hotel sought to modify its license to sell wine and beer at retail, and that the Hotel reached a written agreement with the ANC to limit retail sales to 10 am to 11 pm daily. Ms. Lee indicated she would be a point of contact for the Hotel if there were any issues. She also indicated that Ms. Isa Marshall also represents the Hotel and should also serve as a point of contact. Commissioner Causey joined the meeting at this point. Commissioner Comer moved to approve the application as modified by the settlement agreement. Vice Chair Chadwick seconded. Commissioners Omictin, Patel, Comer, Chadwick, Causey and Bandy approved.



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## Matters before the DC Council

1. Commissioner Omictin presented a resolution that objects to the clearing of homeless encampments in a Triangle Park and elsewhere along Virginia Avenue and in 2A, especially since the shelters are at capacity, the triangle encampment uses a “grate” for cooling during extreme hot weather and there is nowhere for these people to go. The resolution urges delaying activity until there is shelter capacity. Commissioner Omictin offered the resolution and Commissioner Bandy seconded. Commissioners Omictin, Patel, Chadwick, and Bandy approved. Commissioner Causey was not present for this vote.

2. Commissioner Bandy offered and moved for a resolution addressing the need for peaceful assembly and to avoid violence at political events. Commissioner Omictin seconded the motion and offered an amendment to address police violence. Commissioner Bandy seconded the amendment. Vice-Chair Chadwick moved that the resolution is outside of the purview of the ANC, and referenced a draft opinion of BEGA supporting that view. Commissioner Causey seconded Vice-Chair Chadwick’s motion. After discussion, Commissioner Omictin withdrew his motion to Amend, not his amendment to the original Motion. Commissioner Bandy made a Motion to Table her resolution. Commissioners Omictin, Comer, Chadwick and Causey and Bandy voted to table the Motion. Commissioner Patel voted against tabling.

## Community Forum

- a. Captain Richard Peterson, the new engine company captain of the Firehouse at 22 and M Streets, introduced himself and offered his assistance to the community. [Richard.Peterson@dc.gov](mailto:Richard.Peterson@dc.gov).
- b. Mr. Allister Chang, Ward 2 representative of the State Board of Education, updated the community on new developments to promote literacy, promoted use of the Ombudsman Office and Student Advocate office and discussed the new Interim Superintendent of Education.
- c. Courtney Cooperman gave an update about the Aston Community Advisory Team’s last meeting on July 8. She reported that they are working on the Good Neighbor protocol. The next meeting is July 22, after which the Co-Chairs will finalize the draft to circulate among the community. She stated that DHS reports opening will take place late summer or early Fall, once construction of repairs and improvements is complete.
- d. Vice-Chair Chadwick moved to postpone the discussion of the work of the By-Laws Task Force to follow the Commissioner updates. This was adopted without objection.
- e. Commissioners gave updates. Commissioner Omictin discussed the proposed reductions in bus service to ANC 2A (and left the meeting at 8:52 pm). Chair Patel discussed sidewalk repair on 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Comer discussed additional delays to the 26<sup>th</sup> and I playground and dog park. Commissioner Causey discussed a robbery, safety and delays on renovating Francis Field. Commissioner Bandy



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announced she will resign her position on August 19 as she is moving out of her SMD.

- f. Vice-Chair Chadwick reported the By-Laws Task Force lacked a quorum at its last meeting and noted that the seat held by Commissioner Bandy is now vacant as she failed to attend 3 meetings in a row. He proposed to add a new Task Force member. There was discussion about whether it was appropriate to appoint a new member without soliciting applications from the public and whether the Task Force could make progress without a new member. Vice-Chair Chadwick withdrew his motion to add a new Task Force member.
- g. A community member expressed her belief that it was inappropriate to propose new resolutions at the last minute.

## Community Concerns

- a. Although Captain Harris could not be present at this time of the meeting, she indicated that citizens should e-mail [Jennifer.barbe@dc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.barbe@dc.gov) with questions about police issues. Chair Patel reported that MPD is actively addressing concerns about an individual menacing people in 2A and nearby areas. She recommended people contact MPD at 911 and move to a safe place if you see this person.
- b. Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, representing Council member Pinto, reported on budget status, a new Ward 2 Senior Center and the legislative summer recess.
- c. Ty Abilla introduced herself as the new Ward 2 representative for the Mayor.
- d. A resident discussed her interaction with the “stalker.”

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Trupti Patel  
Chairperson